

# SB2979



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2979

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-208.6

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a county or municipality may not use an automated traffic law enforcement system to provide recorded images of a motor vehicle for the purpose of issuing violations to persons driving a motor vehicle who enter an intersection to turn right against a red signal indication. Provides that a county or municipality may require any registered owner responding to an automated traffic law violation notice to submit proof of minimum liability insurance coverage of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation. Effective January 1, 2011.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 11-208.6 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.6)

7 Sec. 11-208.6. Automated traffic law enforcement system.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "automated traffic law  
9 enforcement system" means a device with one or more motor  
10 vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a red light signal  
11 to produce recorded images of motor vehicles entering an  
12 intersection against a red signal indication in violation of  
13 Section 11-306 of this Code or a similar provision of a local  
14 ordinance.

15 An automated traffic law enforcement system is a system, in  
16 a municipality or county operated by a governmental agency,  
17 that produces a recorded image of a motor vehicle's violation  
18 of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance and is  
19 designed to obtain a clear recorded image of the vehicle and  
20 the vehicle's license plate. The recorded image must also  
21 display the time, date, and location of the violation.

22 (b) As used in this Section, "recorded images" means images  
23 recorded by an automated traffic law enforcement system on:

- 1           (1) 2 or more photographs;
- 2           (2) 2 or more microphotographs;
- 3           (3) 2 or more electronic images; or
- 4           (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and, on
- 5           at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly
- 6           identifying the registration plate number of the motor
- 7           vehicle.

8           (c) A county or municipality, including a home rule county

9           or municipality, may not use an automated traffic law

10          enforcement system to provide recorded images of a motor

11          vehicle for the purpose of recording its speed. The regulation

12          of the use of automated traffic law enforcement systems to

13          record vehicle speeds is an exclusive power and function of the

14          State. This subsection (c) is a denial and limitation of home

15          rule powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of

16          Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

17          (c-5) A county or municipality, including a home rule

18          county or municipality, may not use an automated traffic law

19          enforcement system to provide recorded images of a motor

20          vehicle for the purpose of issuing violations to persons

21          driving a motor vehicle who enter an intersection to turn right

22          against a red signal indication as described in paragraph 3 of

23          subsection (c) of Section 11-306 of this Code or a similar

24          provision of a local ordinance.

25          (d) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a

26          local ordinance recorded by an automatic traffic law

1 enforcement system, the county or municipality having  
2 jurisdiction shall issue a written notice of the violation to  
3 the registered owner of the vehicle as the alleged violator.  
4 The notice shall be delivered to the registered owner of the  
5 vehicle, by mail, within 30 days after the Secretary of State  
6 notifies the municipality or county of the identity of the  
7 owner of the vehicle, but in no event later than 90 days after  
8 the violation.

9 The notice shall include:

10 (1) the name and address of the registered owner of the  
11 vehicle;

12 (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle  
13 involved in the violation;

14 (3) the violation charged;

15 (4) the location where the violation occurred;

16 (5) the date and time of the violation;

17 (6) a copy of the recorded images;

18 (7) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the  
19 requirements of any traffic education program imposed and  
20 the date by which the civil penalty should be paid and the  
21 traffic education program should be completed;

22 (8) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a  
23 violation of a red light signal;

24 (9) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty, to  
25 complete a required traffic education program, or to  
26 contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of

1 liability and may result in a suspension of the driving  
2 privileges of the registered owner of the vehicle; and

3 (10) a statement that the person may elect to proceed  
4 by:

5 (A) paying the fine, completing a required traffic  
6 education program, or both; or

7 (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or by  
8 administrative hearing; and ~~or~~

9 (11) if required by the county or municipality, a  
10 statement that pursuant to subsection (o) of this  
11 Section, the registered owner is required to submit  
12 proof of minimum liability insurance coverage,  
13 pursuant to Article VI of Chapter 7 of this Code, of  
14 the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

15 (e) If a person charged with a traffic violation, as a  
16 result of an automated traffic law enforcement system, does not  
17 pay the fine or complete a required traffic education program,  
18 or both, or successfully contest the civil penalty resulting  
19 from that violation, the Secretary of State shall suspend the  
20 driving privileges of the registered owner of the vehicle under  
21 Section 6-306.5 of this Code for failing to complete a required  
22 traffic education program or to pay any fine or penalty due and  
23 owing, or both, as a result of 5 violations of the automated  
24 traffic law enforcement system.

25 (f) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an  
26 automated traffic law enforcement system, a notice alleging

1 that the violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts  
2 contained in the notice and admissible in any proceeding  
3 alleging a violation under this Section.

4 (g) Recorded images made by an automatic traffic law  
5 enforcement system are confidential and shall be made available  
6 only to the alleged violator and governmental and law  
7 enforcement agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation  
8 of this Section, for statistical purposes, or for other  
9 governmental purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a  
10 violation of this Section, however, may be admissible in any  
11 proceeding resulting from the issuance of the citation.

12 (h) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense of  
13 a violation:

14 (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates of  
15 the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred  
16 and not under the control of or in the possession of the  
17 owner at the time of the violation;

18 (2) that the driver of the vehicle passed through the  
19 intersection when the light was red either (i) in order to  
20 yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or (ii) as  
21 part of a funeral procession; and

22 (3) any other evidence or issues provided by municipal  
23 or county ordinance.

24 (i) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle or the  
25 registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred  
26 and were not under the control or possession of the owner at

1 the time of the violation, the owner must submit proof that a  
2 report concerning the stolen motor vehicle or registration  
3 plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely  
4 manner.

5 (j) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a  
6 Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer at the time of  
7 the violation, the motor vehicle owner is subject to a civil  
8 penalty not exceeding \$100 or the completion of a traffic  
9 education program, or both, plus an additional penalty of not  
10 more than \$100 for failure to pay the original penalty or to  
11 complete a required traffic education program, or both, in a  
12 timely manner, if the motor vehicle is recorded by an automated  
13 traffic law enforcement system. A violation for which a civil  
14 penalty is imposed under this Section is not a violation of a  
15 traffic regulation governing the movement of vehicles and may  
16 not be recorded on the driving record of the owner of the  
17 vehicle.

18 (j-3) A registered owner who is a holder of a valid  
19 commercial driver's license is not required to complete a  
20 traffic education program.

21 (j-5) For purposes of the required traffic education  
22 program only, a registered owner may submit an affidavit to the  
23 court or hearing officer swearing that at the time of the  
24 alleged violation, the vehicle was in the custody and control  
25 of another person. The affidavit must identify the person in  
26 custody and control of the vehicle, including the person's name

1 and current address. The person in custody and control of the  
2 vehicle at the time of the violation is required to complete  
3 the required traffic education program. If the person in  
4 custody and control of the vehicle at the time of the violation  
5 completes the required traffic education program, the  
6 registered owner of the vehicle is not required to complete a  
7 traffic education program.

8 (k) An intersection equipped with an automated traffic law  
9 enforcement system must be posted with a sign visible to  
10 approaching traffic indicating that the intersection is being  
11 monitored by an automated traffic law enforcement system.

12 (l) The compensation paid for an automated traffic law  
13 enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment  
14 or the services provided and may not be based on the number of  
15 traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the  
16 system.

17 (m) This Section applies only to the counties of Cook,  
18 DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, and Will and  
19 to municipalities located within those counties.

20 (n) The fee for participating in a traffic education  
21 program under this Section shall not exceed \$25.

22 A low-income individual required to complete a traffic  
23 education program under this Section who provides proof of  
24 eligibility for the federal earned income tax credit under  
25 Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code or the Illinois earned  
26 income tax credit under Section 212 of the Illinois Income Tax

1 Act shall not be required to pay any fee for participating in a  
2 required traffic education program.

3 (o) A county or municipality may require any registered  
4 owner responding to a violation notice under this Section to  
5 submit proof of minimum liability insurance coverage, pursuant  
6 to Article VI of Chapter 7 of this Code, of the motor vehicle  
7 at the time of the violation.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-288, eff. 8-11-09.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
10 1, 2011.